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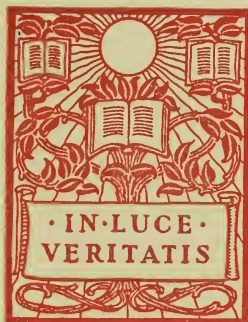


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# The Joy of Books

A Few Expressions of Appreciation of  
the Value and Pleasure of Good Books

*With Some Incidental Mention  
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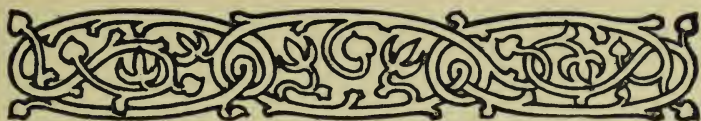
O H for a booke and a shadie nook  
Either in-doors or out ;  
With the grene leaves whisp'ring overhead,  
Or the strete cryes all about,  
Where I may reade all at my ease,  
Both of the new and olde ;  
For a jollie good booke whereon to looke,  
Is better to me than golde.

— *Old English Song.*



T HIS, Books can do;—nor this alone; they give  
New views to life, and teach us how to live;  
They soothe the grieved, the stubborn they  
chastise,  
Fools they admonish, and confirm the wise;  
Their aid they yield to all: they never shun  
The man of sorrow, nor the wretch undone;  
Unlike the hard, the selfish, and the proud,  
They fly not sullen from the suppliant crowd;  
Nor tell to various people various things,  
But show to subjects what they show to kings.

— *Crabbe.*



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**N**O matter what his rank or position may be, the lover of books is the richest and happiest of the children of men.— *Langford.*

**E**MPLY your time in improving yourself by other men's writings; so you shall come easily by what others have labored hard for.— *Socrates.*

Books are the Glasse of Counsell to dress ourselves by.—  
*From an old manuscript.*

**W**ONDROUS, indeed, is the virtue of a true book! O thou who art able to write a book, which once in two centuries or oftener there is a man gifted to do, envy not him whom they name city-builder, and inexpressibly pity him whom they name conqueror or city-burner! Thou, too, art a conqueror and victor; but of the true sort, namely, over the Devil. Thou, too, hast built what will outlast all marble and metal, and be a wonder-bringing city of mind, a temple and seminary and prophetic mount, whereto all kindreds of the earth will pilgrim.—  
*Carlyle.*

Books, we know,  
Are a substantial world, both pure and good;  
Round these, with tendrils strong as flesh and blood,  
Our pastime and our happiness will grow.

— *Wordsworth.*

**I**F a truth, he who would deprive me of books, my old friends, would take away all the delight of my life; nay, I will even say, all desire of living.— *Corasius.*

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WHOEVER acknowledges himself to be a zealous follower of truth, of happiness, of science, or even of the faith, must of necessity make himself a Lover of Books.  
— *De Bury*.



WORTHY books are not companions,— they are solitudes; we lose ourselves in them, and all our cares.  
— *Bailey's Festus*.



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Good books are a very great mercy to the world.—*Baxter*.



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**B**UT the finest music in the room is that which streams out to the ear of the spirit in many an exquisite strain from the hanging shelf of books on the opposite wall. Every volume there is an instrument which some melodist of the mind created and set vibrating with music as a flower shakes out its perfume or a star shakes out its light. Only listen, and they soothe all care, as though the silken-soft leaves of poppies had been made vocal and poured into the ear.—*James Lane Allen.*



**T**HE riches of scholarship, the benignities of literature, defy torture and outlive calamity.—*Lowell.*



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There is no past so long as books shall live.—*Bulwer-Lytton.*



**A**S you grow ready for it, somewhere or other you will find what is needful for you in a book.—*Macdonald.*

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**B**UT how can I live here without my books? I really seem to myself crippled and only half myself; for if, as the great Orator used to say, arms are a soldier's members, surely books are the limbs of scholars.—*Rhodiginus.*

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Read not the Times, read the Eternities.—*Thoreau.*

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Nor he whose heart on gold so gladly looks;  
The same men love not books and money both,  
And books thy herd, O Epicurus, loathe;  
Misers and bookmen make poor company,  
Nor dwell in peace beneath the same roof-tree.

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—*Richard de Bury.*

**T**HE choice of books, like that of friends, is a serious duty. We are as responsible for what we read as for what we do. The best books elevate us into a religion of disinterested thought where personal objects fade into insignificance, and the troubles and the anxieties of the world are almost forgotten.—*Lubbock.*



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**B**OOK love, my friends, is your pass to the greatest, the purest, and the most perfect pleasure that God has prepared for his creatures. It lasts when all other pleasures fade. It will support you when all other recreations are gone. It will last you until your death. It will make your hours pleasant to you as long as you live.—*Trollope.*



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TO read, to think, to love, to pray,—these are the things which make men happy.—*Ruskin.*



When others fail him, the wise man looks  
To the sure companionship of books.



—*Stoddard.*

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Sterling in worth, in friendship most sincere;  
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And with the nobly gifted in our own;  
If love, joy, laughter, sorrow please my mind,  
Love, joy, grief, laughter in my books I find.

—*Bennoch.*



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Was dukedom large enough.—*Shakespeare.*



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